

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
INDIANA COMMISSION ON  
MENTAL RETARDATION AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**



**Indiana Legislative Services Agency  
200 W. Washington St., Suite 301  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789**

**November, 2002**

# **INDIANA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 2002**

**Speaker John Gregg**

**Chairman**

**Sandborn**

**Senator Robert Garton**

**Vice-Chairman**

**Columbus**

**Representative Brian Bosma**

**Indianapolis**

**Senator Richard Young**

**Milltown**

**Representative Mark Kruzan**

**Bloomington**

**Senator Harold Wheeler**

**Larwill**

**Representative Dale Grubb**

**Covington**

**Senator Joseph Harrison**

**Attica**

**Representative William Cochran**

**New Albany**

**Senator Patricia Miller**

**Indianapolis**

**Representative Charlie Brown**

**Gary**

**Senator Thomas Wyss**

**Fort Wayne**

**Representative Kathy Richardson**

**Noblesville**

**Senator James Lewis**

**Charlestown**

**Representative Richard Mangus**

**Lakeville**

**Senator Earline Rogers**

**Gary**

**Philip J. Sachtleben  
Executive Director  
Legislative Services Agency**

# **Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

## **Membership Roster**

### **Representatives**

**Sheila Klinker, Chair  
Lafayette**

**Robert Alderman  
Ft. Wayne**

### **Senators**

**Rose Ann Antich  
Merrillville**

**Marvin D. Riegsecker  
Goshen**

### **Lay Members**

**Sylvia Brantley  
Unionville**

**Ervin Picha  
Indianapolis**

**Christopher Durcholz  
Brazil**

**Thomas VanMeter  
Larwill**

**Suda Hopkins  
Gary**

**Joanne Rains Warner  
Indianapolis**

**Sally Lowery  
Terre Haute**

**Betty Williams  
Richmond**

## **Legislative Services Agency Staff**

**Michael Molnar, Fiscal Analyst  
K.C. Norwalk, Staff Attorney**

A copy of this report is available on the Internet. Reports, minutes, and notices are organized by committee. This report and other documents for this Commission can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/>.

## **INFORMATION REPORT**

### **Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

#### **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

The Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) was established by P.L. 78-1994 to do the following: (1) develop a long-range plan for community-based services for the developmentally disabled; and (2) review, make recommendations, and monitor changes regarding services to the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled population.

P.L. 245-1997 amended the original legislation, extending the life of the Commission to January 1, 2001. P.L. 272-1999 further extended the life of the Commission to January 1, 2005, and added the following responsibilities: (1) review and make recommendations regarding the implementation of the comprehensive plan prepared by the Developmental Disabilities Task Force (created by P.L. 245-1997, SEC. 1, and also called the "317 Task Force"); and (2) review and make recommendations regarding the development by the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services of a statewide plan to address quality assurance in community-based services.

P.L. 242-2001 added an annual review of the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program (i.e., "First Steps") to the Commission's duties. In Legislative Council Resolution 01-2, the Legislative Council requested that the Commission study the economic impact of the closing of Muscatatuck State Developmental Center.

P.L. 190-2002 converted the Commission to a statutory commission. In addition, the Commission shall: (1) study and make recommendations for the state to use state employees or contract with a private entity to manage and implement home and community-based services waivers, (2) study and make recommendations regarding state funding needed to provide supplemental room and board costs for individuals who otherwise qualify for residential services under the home and community-based services waivers, and (3) monitor and recommend changes for improvements in the implementation of home and community-based services waivers.

#### **II. INTRODUCTION**

The Commission met three times during the 2002 interim session on September 6, 2002, October 1, 2002, and October 23, 2002.

The Commission heard testimony on a variety of issues and considered proposed legislation as well.

The Commission is not required to file a final report.

Meeting minutes for the Commission can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/>.

